

LABOR CHALLENGE - 1970 - articles by Ross Dowson (or under pseudonyms)

- 02_09th-1 **LC Vol. 1 No. 1** Page one of new journal reflecting views of LSA/LSO and Ross Dowson, as a continuation of *Workers Vanguard* (1955-1970), also *Labor Challenge* (1945-1952).
- 02_09th-2 Who we are, what we want
- 02_09th-3 New socialist center; in Toronto (Ross Dowson officially opens hall)
- 02_09th-4 Roll back anti-labor attack; labor must mobilize, by Paul Kent
- 02_09th-5* 'Commonwealth' slanders NDP socialist grouping (the 'Waffle'), by Anne Macdonald
- 02_09th-6 Pioneer socialist Max Armstrong 1883-1970 (based on a speech by longtime associate R.D.)
- 02_23rd-1a **LC Vol. 1, No. 2** Tribute to Max Armstrong: An exemplary working class militant (based on a speech by Ross Dowson)
- 02_23rd-1b (continuation) Armstrong; *Workers World* and *Workers Guard*
- 03_09th-1a* **LC Vol.1, No. 3** Stop Trudeau-U.S. deal to sellout natural resources! By Ross Dowson
- 03_09th-1b* (continuation) Photo: Giant sellout of Canada's resources
- 03_09th-2 V.R. Dunne, 1889-1970, American socialist leader (R.D. was contemporary since 1930s)
- 04_06th-1a **LC Vol. 1 No. 5** New group aims to reform Canadian Labour Congress (issue of Canadian control of unions raised) by Ross Dowson
- 04_06th-1b (continuation) Photo: Ed Finn
- 04_20th-1* **LC Vol. 1, No. 6** Canadian firms rape West Indies, forum told, by R.D.
- 05_18th-1 **LC Vol. 1 No. 8** Posties heading for strike (Labor scene column) by Paul Kent
- 06_01st-1a* **LC Vol. 1, No. 9** CLC parley reflects new radical forces (social action theme including Canadian local autonomy issue), by Ross Dowson
- 06_01st-1b* (continuation) the Reform Caucus
- 06_01st-2* NDP brass flunk test; Need answers on gut issues (leader MacDonald attacks left Waffle group), by Anne Macdonald
- 07_21st-1* **LC Vol. 1 No. 13** Behind the royal tour; The natives are restless (but NDP Premier Schreyer kowtows), by Ross Dowson
- 09_21st-1 **LC Vol. 1 No. 16** Postal win sets pace for federal workers, by Ross Dowson

- 09_21st-2a* LSA/LSO Convention reports; NDP debate sets tasks for party's left (problems of Waffle), by Anne Macdonald
- 09_21st-2b (continuation LSA/LSO) Womens Liberation debate plans strategy; International youth leader (Alain Krivine) addresses rally of 400
- 10_23rd-1* **LC Vol. 1 No. 18A** (editorial) Repeal the War Measures Act: Federal troops, out of Quebec!
- 11_09-1a* **LC Vol. 1 No. 19** Repressive law looms under cover of War Measures Act (suspending civil rights), by Ross Dowson
- 11_09-1b* (continuation) Photo: The streets of Montreal, election day, October 25, 1970
- 12_21st-1a* **LC Vol. 1 No. 22** British left views crisis in Quebec; Discussion on nationalism, the FLQ, by Ross Dowson
- 12_21st-1b* (continuation, page 2) (reviews politics of sectarian SLL and ultraleft *Red Mole*)
- 12_21st-1c* (conclusion on Quebec crisis, page 3); Obit: Veteran socialist George Faulkner
- 12_21st-2 'U.S.A.' - high point of radical literature (review of John Dos Passos' classic) by R.D.

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- 02_15th-1a **LC #25** Capitalist Europe's crisis – and Canada (only a socialist united states of Europe can unify Europe) , from a speech by Ross Dowson
- 02_15th-1b (continuation) Photo: Changing patterns of EC trade will make Canada more dependent upon the US
- 02_15th-1c Revolutionary changes on European agenda (a socialist France would seriously alter relationship of forces with capitalist USA)
- 02_15th-2* Only Laxer poses left alternative (Ontario Waffle leader is socialist candidate for leader of NDP)
- 03_15th-1a* **LC #27** Canada, exploited by U.S. capital, itself an imperialist power; 'Independent Canada' group aims to divert anti-U.S. feeling (critique of Hurtig's Committee for an Independent Canada), by Ross Dowson
- 03_15th-1b* (continuation) Finance Minister Benson on the Canada Development Corporation
- 03_15th-1c* Socialism –the key to independence
- 03_15th-2a British labor protest on rise; Despite setback of postal workers (workers confront Tory government's anti-labor bill), by Ross Dowson
- 03_15th-2b (continuation) (Engineers) shouting "general strike"
- 04_12th-1 **LC #29** Mass strikes hit British anti-labor law, by Ross Dowson, 'resident in Europe'
- 04_26th-1a* **LC #30** Attacks on the Waffle reflect its popularity (NDP and union tops attack left wing), by Dick Fidler & Anne Macdonald
- 04_26th-1b* (continuation) (Waffle leader) Laxer's campaign coast to coast
- 04_26th-2a The British role in Vietnam; a lesson in imperialism (Book review) by Ross Dowson
- 04_26th-2b Photo: Imperialist collaboration: Japanese occupiers taking the French salute
- 05_24th-1a **LC #32** 50 years of revolutionary socialism; Canadian Trotskyists carry struggle forward (a short history), by Ross Dowson
- 05_24th-1b (continuation) Bankrupt program (of the CPC); Photo: LC, 1945: "There is no peace"
- 05_24th-1c Photo: (Dowson Toronto Mayoralty campaign) Class struggle, not class collaboration (CP supports capitalist parties)
- 05_24th-1d Photo: Pioneer communists (early CP photo of Moriarty, Buck, MacDonald and Spector)
- 05_24th-1e (context article) On to Waterloo (500 expected to gather at Socialist conference in August) Photo: Evelyn Reed (SWP)
- 05_24th-2 Farmers protests shake up Euromart (Belgian farmers pillage Brussels), by Ross Dowson
- 06_07th **LC #33** Election sweep for UK Labour (party, by Ross Dowson
- 07_05th-1a* **LC #35** Waffle dominates NDP conference; Socialism and independence (the issues), by Anne Macdonald
- 07_05th-1b* (continuation) Photo: Only solution to resources sellout is public ownership, Laxer tells NDP
- 08_09th-1a **LC #37** Struggle for women's rights across Europe, by Ross Dowson
- 08_09th-1b (continuation) The French government has attempted to blunt the protest with concessions
- 08_09th-2 Socialist Conference (notice) Waterloo August 20-25 (with noted speakers Evelyn Reed and George Novack of the SWP and Ross Dowson)
- 08_23rd-1a **LC #38** Scots workers occupy shipyards in bold action to save their jobs, by Ross Dowson
- 08_23rd-1b Clyde struggle challenge to British labor
- 09_27th-1 **LC #40** NDP to power! --challenge in Ontario (context front page; struggle for French schools, For an NDP government)

09_27th-2a Origins of Canadian Trotskyism (excerpts from Ross Dowson speech at Socialist Educational Conference at Waterloo ON)
(See text file of this speech in RD Correspondence 1971)

09_27th-2b (continuation) Photo: Maurice Spector

10_11th-1a **LC #41** Behind the Tely closure; Newspaper barons take all

10_11th-1b (continuation) Newspaper strike fizzles out

10_11th-2* Walkout breaks up N.B. NDP convention (leadership right wing loses to Waffle supporters)

11_08th-a* **LC #43** What role for socialists in the NDP? New Brunswick events spark debate (revolutionary left can't be built by bypassing NDP), by P. Kent

11_08th-1b* (continuation) Reader says we're wrong on the NDP (letter)

11_08th-1c* Split in New Brunswick NDP (as union delegates walk out after left program adopted)

11_08th-2* (LC front page) Stop Amchitka, Stop the war! B.C. labor stops work in protest

11_08th-3* How the left intervened in the NDP election campaign ("labor to power" is LSA/YS slogan, Waffle wins wide support for 'Manifesto'), by Anne Macdonald

12_06th-1 **LC #45** NDP must run full slate in Toronto (civic elections), by A. Macdonald

12_06th-2a (feature article) Trotskyism and world revolution, by Ernest Mandel (on tour of Canadian universities)

12_06th-2b Mandel: 'Trotskyism lives and grows because it stands for revolution'

12_06th-2c* Mandel (cont'd): 'The basic problem of the colonial revolution...'

12_06th-2d* Mandel (cont'd): '(The Fourth International is) 100% correct in their strategy for underdeveloped countries' (text file)

12_06th-2e Mandel (cont'd): 'Thirdly... the struggle for transitional demands'

12_06th-2f Mandel (cont'd): 'Trotskyism is internationalism.'

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- 02_14th-1a* **LC #49** Is U.S. out to kill Canada's industry?, by Ross Dowson (Washington wishes to re-negotiate the Auto Pact and other 'irritants.')
- 02_14th-1b* (continuation) It is the unfavorable trade balance that concerns Washington; the NDP Waffle's made-in-Canada auto as "sheer fantasy"
- 03_17th **LC #52** (edit) Readers pledge over \$22,000; *Labor Challenge* expansion drive
- 04_10th **LC #53** (statement of the PC, LSA/LSO) LSA on Argentine kidnapping (terrorist politics similar to Quebec FLQ)
- 05_08th-1a* **LC #55** Will Trudeau fight U.S. domination? *Labor Challenge* interview with Ross Dowson
- 05_08th-1b* (continuation) Canada is no colony of the U.S.; the NDP Waffle's lack of program
- 05_08th-1c* (continuation) Canada is an important part of the N.A. market; Photos: The Amchitka (protest) explosion; Trudeau and Nixon
- 06_05th-1a **LC #57** Trotskyism and the NDP, based on a speech by Ross Dowson (the NDP leadership denounces all left tendencies as one)
- 06_05th-1b (continuation) LSA challenges leadership's dogmatic devotion to parliamentarism
- 06_05th-2a (4 pp.) A suppressed page in Canada's history, by P. Kent (Canadian participation in the Spanish Civil War)
- 06_05th-2b Photo: Norman Bethune inadvertently reveals his pacifist views
- 06_05th-2c (continuation) Photo: The Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion -- a machine gun squad
- 06_05th-2d (continuation) Photo: Canadians in the trenches at Teruel; How the C.P. betrayed the revolution
- 06_19th-1a* **LC #58** Mass action strategy centers on NDP, by Ross Dowson
- 06_19th-1b Photo: Mass movements center on NDP: antiwar activists addressed by T.C.Douglas
- 06_19th-1c (continuation) Photo: Ontario NDP convention: the mass political expression of independent working class politics
- 07_03rd-1a **LC #59** British labor upsurge reverses Tory offensive, by Ross Dowson; Photos: Jailing of unionists blocked, mobilizing against anti-labor bill

- 07_03rd-1b (continuation) The government retreats; the showdown battle ebbs
- 07_31st **LC #61** Minority splits from LSA/LSO, by Ross Dowson (group around Michel Mill in Quebec)
- 08_21st **LC #62** (editorial) Labor to power with the NDP! By Joan Newbigging, Vancouver LSA; What the NDP stands for; Photo montage
- 10_19th-1 **LC #65** LSA-LSO elects new executive secretary (John Riddell succeeds Ross Dowson who becomes Chairman
- 10_19th-2a (5 pp) Trotsky: his life, his relevance today, from a speech by Ross Dowson
- 10_19th-2b (continuation) (advertisement for selection of books by Trotsky)
- 10_19th-2c (continuation) Photo: Ross Dowson
- 10_19th-2d Photo montage: Trotsky's theory of Permanent Revolution in practise
- 10_19th-2e (continuation) Bolshevism; the Transitional Program

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including five Riddell leadership split convention reports)

- 05_07th-1a **LC #78** 1973 (5 pp) Canadian revolutionists meet (*Congrès 1973 Convention LSA/LSO Special Feature by Dick Fidler*)
- 05_07th-1b* (*continuation*) ‘Democratic discussion’ (*however many key issues not discussed or clarified before a few months prior to convention*); ‘Against Canadian nationalism’ (*Riddell leadership does an about-turn on longstanding movement position on Canadian nationalist sentiment just before convention*)
- 05_07th-1c LSA/LSO convention (*continuation*) ‘Tendencies formed’
- 05_07th-1d (*continuation*) leading spokespersons of the RCT given time to make counter-reports
- 05_07th-e* Canadian nationalism vital to capitalist rule (*John Riddell report on PC resolution outlines sharp turnaround in movement policy*)
- 07_09th-1a **LC #82** LSA deplores split in Trotskyist ranks, by Art Young on split of 25 members of the RCT (*organizational aspects only*)
- 07_09th-1b ‘Unity attempt fails’ (*between LSA and [ultraleft] Old Mole and Red Circle tendencies*); ‘RMG supports split’ (*a strictly organizational report devoid of any political differences involved*)
- 12_17th **LC #92** Obit: Joe Burki, pioneer revolutionary socialist, by Maria Fischer with R.D.

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- 02_04th **LC #94** "The NDP – The Marxist View" ('In Review' column) by Ray Warden *(pamphlet based on PC resolution of April 1973 LSA convention, reflecting Riddell leadership turn on longstanding policy of LSA towards the Canadian labor party):* "...a welcome explanation (*sic*) of the barrier to socialism constituted by the NDP leadership..." *(which also includes quotes from a speech by Ross Dowson, who regarded this pamphlet's positions as a fundamental revision of the views he propounded and the LSA functioned with up until Spring 1973.)*
- 03_18th **LC #97** 18 members of LSA/LSO announce resignation, by John Riddell, largely veteran members who included Ross Dowson, Chairman, organized as the "United Tendency" *(This report, unlike that dealing with split of RMG [07-09th-1973], outlines the political differences between the Riddell leadership and the UT.)*